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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT GRABER'S
INDEPENDENCE DAY GREETINGS

1. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT GRABER AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE:

BEGIN TEXT:

HIS EXCELLENCY

PIERRE GRABER

PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

BERN

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

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ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR

YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF
OUR ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.

SINCERELY,
GERALD R. FORD
END TEXT

2. FYI: THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT GRABER'S TELEGRAPHIC
MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

BERN, 1153 HOURS, JULY 3, 1975

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OFFERS
A SUITABLE OCCASION TO ADDRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE
HEARTY FELICITATIONS OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL, AS WELL AS
THOSE OF OUR PEOPLE, FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL-BEING AND
THE PROSPERITY OF YOUR COUNTRY.

PIERRE GRABER
PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION
END TEXT

3. THE USG DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS EXCHANGE OF
CORRESPONDENCE TO THE NEWS MEDIA, BUT WOULD HAVE NO
OBJECTION SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT OF SWITZERLAND SO ELECT.

4. THIS TELEGRAM SHOULD BE DECLASSIFIED AFTER THE
DELIVERY OF PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT
GRABER. INGERSOLL

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